

15th September, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I am so delighted to welcome back our students into year 8 after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer. I have already heard so many exciting things that our students have taken part in during summer - it is great to see so many students ready for the new academic year and ready to continue with the great start they have all made in Year 7.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about some key points to ensure a smooth transition into year 8 and a successful year ahead.

I would like to introduce my Year 8 Academic Mentor team.

Argon	Mr Stewart	mstewart@rodingvalley.net
Beryllium	Ms Barclay	mbarclay@rodingvalley.net
Carbon	Mr Lacono	llacono@rodingvalley.net
Fluorine	Miss Joseph	ajoseph@rodingvalley.net
Lithium	Ms Gregori	egregori@rodingvalley.net
Magnesium	Mr Allen	callen@rodingvalley.net
Neon	Miss Aston/Ms Jogyat	caston@rodingvalley.net kiogyat@rodingvalley.net
Oxygen	Mrs Mian	qmian@rodingvalley.net

September 2023 Timetable

Students must arrive by 8.25am. The gate will be opened at 8.15am. Please help your son/daughter plan their journey and the timing of their journey to school to arrive on time but not be out in the local community too early, for their own safety. Due to enhanced safeguarding measures, gates are not opened until 8.15am; students who require access to the school prior to this time, to attend an intervention or club must come through the main reception which is manned. There is a staff presence on the playground from 8.15am

At the end of the school day students will be dismissed from the Brook Road gate at 3pm. If a student arrives late to school in the morning after the Brook Road gate has been closed, they will be expected to attend a late detention at lunchtime for 20 minutes on the same day.

Monday Timetable

On Monday only, we follow a different timetable for the school day in order to teach our Personal Development curriculum at RVHS. To avoid this having an impact on other lessons, we have changed the times of the day on Monday. The times are as follows:

Time	Event
8:15 am	Gates will open
08:30 am - 09:25 am	Period 1: Personal Development
09:25 am - 10:20 am	Period 2
10:20 am - 11:15 am	Period 3
11:15 am - 11:35 am	Break time (20 minutes)
11:35 am - 12:30 pm	Period 4
12:30 pm - 1:25 pm	Period 5
1:25 pm - 2:05 pm	Lunch (40 minutes)
2:05 pm - 3:00 pm	Period 6
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Extra - Curricular activities and Interventions



Bronze

I want all students to strive for the 100% attendance award at the end of each term. 96% is our minimum expectation, but that would mean a whole 8 days of school had been missed in an academic year - that's the equivalent of 40 lost learning hours.

If you need any assistance with attendance/punctuality please contact **Ms A Parsley** on aparsley@rodingvalley.net

Please remind your son or daughter that we want to support them and there is always someone they can talk to in school if they have a problem. We also have our wellbeing support email - iamnotok@rodingvalley.net that they can use at any time. Our Roding Valley High School safeguarding team consists of the following staff:

Mr Charlton, Mr Warry, Mrs Wrate, Mrs King, Miss Reed and Ms Wills. My office door is always open.

Dates to Remember
Year 8 Information Evening (Virtual) 21st September, 2023. Please click on the link below to access the information evening (6pm start) **Please note that you will only be able to access the link if you are signed in to your child's RVHS Google mail account** stream.meet.google.com/stream/d896d7d0-19f1-478b-93de-24e4503b4c49
Year 8 Parents Evening (face to face): Thursday 16th November, 2023

Progress and Assessment:

Over the 7-year journey at Roding Valley High School we expect all students to make relevant and significant progress. At the end of year 6 your son/daughter would have received a KS2 grade which is then used to create a target grade for the end of year 11. At three points throughout the year we will have progress reviews where we will look at recent data and see where we may need to help. The first set of exams for Year 8 will take place the week beginning **15th January, 2024**. Before this, we will also ensure that students are prepared and take part in our RVHS Revision & Study workshops. If you would like to access our revision resources, [please click here](#).



PE Kit:

The expectation is that students should attend school in full school uniform and bring their PE kit to school to change into for PE lessons. If a student is taking part in extracurricular activities after school they are expected to attend school in their school uniform and get changed into their PE kit at the start of the activity.

Whole school extra-curricular clubs are also happening around the school. The timetable will be published to students and on the school website in the forthcoming weeks.

See below the **PE extra-curricular timetable**:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1.20pm – 2pm	Volleyball Club All Years Staff: CAL Venue: Sports Hall	Basketball Club All Years Staff: CSC Venue: Sports Hall Table Tennis Club All Years Staff: CMA Venue: Gym	Handball Club All Years Staff: CAL Venue: Sports Hall Sportability Invite Only Staff: CAS Venue: Gym	Badminton Club All Years Staff: CSC Venue: Sports Hall & Gym Rugby All Years Staff: Coach K Venue: Sports Hall Astro *Starts WB 25/9/23*	Basketball Club Years 10 & 11 Staff: CWI Venue: Sports Hall

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After School 3.10pm – 4.10pm (unless stated)	Netball Club All Years Staff: CAS, CSC, HRD Venue: Playground Year 7 Boys Football Staff: CMA Venue: Sports Hall Astro Year 8 Boys Football Staff: LJO Venue: Field Astro	Year 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football Staff: CAL, CWI Venue: Sports Hall Astro	Staff Meetings	Girls Football All Years Staff: CAS Venue: Sports Hall Astro Rugby All Years Staff: Coach K Venue: Sports Hall Astro *Starts WB 25/9/23*	Faculty Detentions & Ctec Sport Intervention Staff: CAL/LJO Venue: ME2 Chelsea Training Staff: RBI Venue: Sports Hall Astro
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I look forward to working in partnership with you this year to best support our year 8 students and watch them grow into respectful young adults. Please don't hesitate to contact me hreed@rodingvalley.net should you have any queries at all.

Your faithfully



Ms H Reed
Y8 Progress Leader
Associate Assistant Headteacher



Ms P Larkin
Deputy Headteacher

